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SUBJ: INTER-AMERICAN JURIDICAL COMMITTEE

1. FIRST WEEK JURIDICAL COMMITTEE ENFED WITH DISCUSSION OF SUGGESTIONS THAT CONVENTIONS RE PROTECTION OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY BE STUDIED, WHICH WERE APPROVED FOR UNCERTAIN FUTURE DATE, AND SESSION ON ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, MAINLY RELATIONS BETWEEN COMMITTEE AND SEC GEN OAS.

2. SESSION OF JULY 28 FEATURED MY PUTTING INTO RECORD TEXT OF STATEMENT OF US DELEGATE IN VOTE OF JULY 10 RESOLUTION OF PERMANENT COUNCIL, IN EXPLANATION ACCEPTANCE OF NATIONAL JURISDICTION, ETC. SESSION ALSO DEBATED FURTHER WORK ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS (TNCS) BASED PARTIALLY ON SERIES OF SUGGESTIONS MADE BY ME THAT STUDIES OF COMMITTEE BE TRANSMITTED TO SEC GEN FOR DISTRIBUTION TO GOVERNMENTS AND FOR LIAISON BETWEEN COMMITTEE AND EXPERT GROUP PROPOSED IN JULY 10 RESOLUTION; AS TO FURTHER SUBSTANTIVE WORK, I SUGGESTED MERELY THAT CHAIRMAN ATTEMPT SUMMARY OF POINTS ON WHICH AGREEMENT COULD BE INFERRED FROM VARIOUS PAPERS, WITH RESULTANT PAPER TO BE BROUGHT BACK TO JURIDICAL COMMITTEE AT NEXT REGULAR SESSION. SUBSTANTIAL DEBATE ENSUED RE OBJECTIVES JURIDICAL COMMITTEE WORK

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IN THIS AREA, SPECIALLY IN RESPONSE MY SUGGESTION THAT

UNPRODUCTIVE DUPLICATION BE AVOIDED. INCONCLUSIVE DEBATE  
LEAD TO CREATION WORKING GROUP (RUIZ ELDREDGE (PERU); GOMEZ  
ROBLEDO (MEXICO); MATERNO VASQUEZ (PANAMA); AND MYSELF.  
GROUP MET THIS MORNING AND AGREED THAT PAPERS BE FORWARDED TO SEC GEN,

THAT LIAISON BE SUGGESTED, AND THAT CHAIRMAN (GALINDO POHL)  
BE ASKED ATTEMPT FORMULATE A PROJECT OF NORMS OF TNCS DURING  
INTERSESSIONAL PERIOD. DURING GROUP SESSION I POINT OUT  
LIMITED COMPETENCE JURIDICAL COMMITTEE BASED BOTH ON ITS  
STATUTE (WHICH REFERS TO JURIDICAL MATTERS) AND LACK OF EXPERTISE  
OF MEMBERS IN COMPLICATED ECONOMIC ISSUES. I DO NOT ANTICIPATE  
MUCH FURTHER SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION THIS TOPIC THIS SESSION.

3. COMMITTEE DISPLAYS LACK INTEREST IN WORK OF UN COMMISSION,  
ETC., BASED APPARENTLY ON FEELING THAT THERE SHOULD BE A  
SPECIFICALLY INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON TNCS. PROBABLY AT  
NEXT SESSION THERE WILL BE SUGGESTION OF FORMULATION OF A LEGALLY  
BINDING CONVENTION, DESPITE MY ARTICULATION OF DIFFICULTIES  
EXPERIENCED IN DRAFTING EVEN HORTATORY AGREED CODES OVER MANY  
YEARS.

4. NEXT ITEM ON AGENDA IS JURISDICTIONAL IMMUNITY, ON WHICH I  
ANTICIPATE AS YET NO GREAT PROBLEMS.  
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